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(1) DE 197 14 829 A1, October 15, 1998, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet), this document is categorized in the European Search Report as Y document, i.e., of particular relevance in combination with another document of the same category. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Claims 1, 3, 4; page 8,

example 5;

- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,346,886 (LEZDEY et al.), September 13, 1994; this document is categorized in the European Search Report as Y document, i.e., of particular relevance in combination with another document of the same category. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Examples 4, 10, 15;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,869,070 (DIXON et al.), February 9, 1999; this document is categorized in the European Search Report as A document, i.e., as illustrating the technological background. The examples of this document are indicated as relevant;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,033,680 (DIXON et al.), March 7, 2000; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (3);
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,159,483 (PARLE-SCHMITZ), December 12, 2000; this document is categorized in the European Search Report as A document, i.e., as illustrating the technological background. Claim 1 of this document is indicated as relevant;
- (6) DD 236 014 A1, May 28, 1986; this document is categorized in the European Search Report as A document, i.e., as illustrating the technological background. The entire document is indicated as relevant;
- (7) WO 96/37595 A1, November 28, 1996; this document is categorized in the European Search Report as A document, i.e., as illustrating the technological background. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant:

- Claims 1, 3, 8-10, 20, 21; page 25;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,985,809 (FRANKENBACH et al.), November 16, 1999; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (7):
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 6,126,954 (TSAUR), October 3, 2000; this document is categorized in the European Search Report as A document, i.e., as illustrating the technological background. The following passage of this document is indicated as relevant: Column 2, lines 23-29;
- (10) WO 98/55093 A1, December 10, 1998; this document is categorized in the European Search Report as A document, i.e., as illustrating the technological background. The following passage of this document is indicated as relevant: Page 40, example 9.

Applicants note that the following U.S. documents (11)-(31) are family members of document (10):

- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,968,539 (BEERSE et al.), October 19, 1999;
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 6,106,851 (BEERSE et al.), August 22, 2000;
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 6,113,933 (BEERSE et al.), September 5, 2000;
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 6,183,757 B1 (BEERSE et al.), February 6, 2001;
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 6,183,763 B1 (BEERSE et al.), February 6, 2001;
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 6,190,674 B1 (BEERSE et al.), February 20, 2001;
- (17) U.S. Patent No. 6,190,675 B1 (BEERSE et al.), February 20, 2001;
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 6,197,315 B1 (BEERSE et al.), March 6, 2001;

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- (19) U.S. Patent No. 6,210,695 B1 (BEERSE et al.), April 3, 2001;
- (20) U.S. Patent No. 6,214,363 B1 (BEERSE et al.), April 10, 2001;
- (21) U.S. Patent No. 6,217,887 B1 (BEERSE et al.), April 17, 2001;
- (22) U.S. Patent No. 6,258,368 B1 (BEERSE et al.), July 10, 2001;
- (23) U.S. Patent No. 6,284,259 B1 (BEERSE et al.), September 4, 2001;
- (24) U.S. Patent No. 6,287,577 B1 (BEERSE et al.), September 11, 2001;
- (25) U.S. Patent No. 6,294,186 B1 (BEERSE et al.), September 25, 2001;
- (26) U.S. Patent No. 6,451,333 B1 (BEERSE et al.), September 17, 2002;
- (27) U.S. Patent No. 6,475,501 B1 (KELLY et al.), November 5, 2002;
- (28) U.S. Patent No. 6,517,849 B1 (SEGER et al.), February 11, 2003;
- (29) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0033260 A1 (RENNIE et al.), February 19, 2004;
- (30) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0234457 A1 (RENNIE et al.),
 November 25, 2004;
- (31) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/00232868 A1 (RENNIE et al.), October 20, 2005;

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Applications cited above) and the European Search Report for European Application 04 10 1659 are enclosed together with a Form PTO-1449 listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO-144 9

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